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Port Arthur, Texas – Unified Command, including TCEQ, TPC Group and Jefferson County Office of Emergency Response, reports that response efforts at TPC Group Port Neches Operations remain focused on safely bringing the event to an end.

Response efforts are focused on activities to secure site equipment and minimize impact to environment, while preserving the safety of emergency responders and the community.

Situational update: There have been no significant changes since update #36, issued yesterday.

As a reminder, TPC Group plans to restart some equipment on-site this week to further enable response and efforts. The restart of this equipment may be heard off-site.

Separately, TPC Group also plans to install on-site a replacement alarm system this week. Unified Command will notify the public with specific testing dates and times, once available. There may be elevated noise levels in the area near Port Neches Operations due to the testing.

Environmental update: Air and water quality monitoring is ongoing and continues to confirm no health impacts to air or water in the community.

Traffic Update: Portions of Spur 366 remain closed for the safety of the responders and the surrounding area. Traffic updates will continue to be provided as available. The latest traffic information follows:

Closed - Portions of Spur 136 near TPC Port Neches Operations remain closed, including:

- Intersection of Spur 136 at Highway 366
- Spur 136 to Highway 366 in front of TPC Port Neches Operations
- Highway 366 between Spur 136 & Park Street

Public Information Update: Updates and information regarding the event will continue to be posted:

On the web: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.portnechesresponse.com/"](http://www.portnechesresponse.com/)]

Facebook: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/PortNechesUC"](http://www.facebook.com/PortNechesUC)]

Twitter: @PortNechesUC

U.S. EPA: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire"](http://www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire)]

TCEQ: [[HYPERLINK "https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident"](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident)]

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